

FARM NUMBERS

The 2001 total number of farms in Minnesota was estimated at 79,000, unchanged from 2000. The Minnesota number of farms in the \$1,000-\$9,999 economic sales class increased 500 to 30,500 in 2001. Those with sales in the \$10,000-\$99,999 economic sales class decreased 500 to 28,500 farms in 2001.

Minnesota commercial farms in the \$100,000 and over sales class remained unchanged from 2000 at 20,000 in 2001.

A farm is defined as any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Government payments are included as sales. The farm definition includes places with five or more horses as a farm, except horses in boarding stables and race tracks.

**NUMBER OF FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND
AVERAGE SIZE: Minnesota, 1990-2001 1/ 2/**

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Size of Farms
	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>
1990	89,000	30,000	337
1991	88,000	30,000	341
1992	88,000	29,800	339
1993	86,000	29,700	345
1994	84,500	29,500	349
1995	83,000	29,400	354
1996	82,000	29,200	356
1997	81,000	29,100	359
1998	80,000	28,900	361
1999	80,000	28,800	360
2000	79,000	28,600	362
2001	79,000	28,500	361

1/ A farm is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year.

2/ For the years of 1992 and earlier, farm numbers and land in farms are for a June 1 reference date. Starting with 1993, numbers are for the entire year.

**NUMBER OF FARMS AND LAND IN FARMS:
by Sales Class, Minnesota, 1996-2001**

Year	Sales Class					
	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000 & over	\$1,000-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$99,999	\$100,000 & over
	<u>Number of Farms</u>			<u>Land in Farms (1,000 Acres)</u>		
1996	29,000	31,500	21,500	3,100	9,000	17,100
1997	29,500	30,500	21,000	3,100	8,700	17,300
1998	29,500	29,500	21,000	3,100	8,500	17,300
1999	30,500	29,500	20,000	3,100	8,600	17,100
2000	30,000	29,000	20,000	3,000	8,500	17,100
2001	30,500	28,500	20,000	3,000	8,400	17,100

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